

## NEGOTIATIONS WITH REDS NEAR FAILURE

Complete Breakdown of Parleys Over Prisoners Expected.

ESTONIANS DUBIOUS

Suspicious of Real Sentiment of Soviet Government Toward Peace.

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LONDON, Dec. 17.—A complete breakdown of the negotiations at Copenhagen for the exchange of prisoners of war and civilians between Great Britain and Soviet Russia is expected.

A conference between the Baltic States will be held before Christmas in order to discuss the possibility of a military convention. The reason given is that the Bolsheviks in their discussions at Dorpat with the Estonians demanded a strategic frontier and declined to take a plebiscite. There was also disagreement as to the Estonians' share in Russia's debts. The discussions are reported to have been stormy.

By the Associated Press.

DORPAT, Dec. 16.—M. Peka, the Estonian Foreign Minister, in a statement to the conference of the Baltic States, declared the Estonian delegation doubted the possibility of peace and was "suspicious of the real sentiment toward peace of the Soviet Russian Government."

He proposed adjournment of the conference until January 3, but M. Joffe, the Bolshevik representative, demurred.

It was finally agreed to await the arrival to-morrow of Gen. Koltzoff, the Soviet delegate, who accompanied M. Kraiss to Moscow to consult their Government, before deciding on postponement.

Observers offered the opinion that if the conference was postponed it would mean the definite breaking up of the parleys. This belief is inspired by conjectures which represent France as planning a campaign against Soviet Russia.

M. Peka said: "The Estonian delegation doubts the possibility of peace and is suspicious of the real sentiment toward peace of the Soviet Russian Government. The present parleys were begun at the invitation of the Soviet Russian Government to negotiate an armistice. But the point of view of the Soviet Russian delegation toward peace has changed, and this Government now appears to want peace. Hostilities, however, have not ceased, and it is a fact that warfare is continuing on a more violent scale than ever."

"It is difficult to believe the declaration of the Soviet Russian Government that the attacks of the Red army are made only against the army of Gen. Yudenich, because the official paper, the *Izvestia*, on December 4 stated the Yudenich forces have been annihilated. From the proclamation spread among the soldiers of the Red army on the Narva front it may be inferred that recent strong attacks were undertaken to break the military power of Estonia and punish the bands of the White Russian Government. All of these circumstances make us suspicious of the real sentiment toward peace of the Soviet Russian Government."

M. Joffe entered a general denial of these contentions and declared the Soviet delegation would be in a position on the return of Gen. Koltzoff to continue the discussion of political questions and give answer to the final proposals of Estonia regarding frontiers.

**BOLSHEVIKI CAPTURE KIEV, THEY REPORT**

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LONDON, Dec. 17.—The capture of Kiev and the occupation of Kapiarsk, southeast of Kharkov, are claimed in a Bolshevik statement received from Moscow by wireless to-day.

Kiev, capital of the Ukraine, has shifted hands several times in the civil warfare that has been in progress in Russia for nearly two years. The Bolsheviks were last driven from it early in September, Denikin's troops occupying the city. The recent offensive by the Soviet troops, in which they have driven south along virtually all of Denikin's front in south Russia, has been threatening Kiev for some time.

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## GROWTH OF PLANTS IS BARED TO VISION

Remarkable Demonstration Is Given by Sir Jagadis Chandra Bose in London.

HUGE MAGNIFYING POWER

Instrument Makes Movement of Snail Faster Than Velocity of 15 Inch Shell.

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LONDON, Dec. 17.—Demonstration of an instrument to show plants actually growing was made yesterday by Sir Jagadis Chandra Bose in the India Office, at a meeting over which A. J. Balfour presided. The instrument is a kind of super-microscope, and at the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Balfour paid a warm tribute to the work of the lecturer, who, he said, had made discoveries of worldwide interest.

Sir Jagadis holds that the most intense activities of life are imperceptible; for instance, within the unaided exterior of the body of an ordinary plant, incessant throbbings associated with its growth are in progress. Extreme difficulty in investigating these in the past has been due to the extraordinary slowness of growth, the average rate for plants being about 1-1,000th part of an inch per second.

The observation of this slow growth is made easy by this new magnifying creograph, an instrument Sir Jagadis invented especially for this purpose and which in operation is for this purpose equivalent to magnifying the highest powers of the microscope 100,000 times. To illustrate this tremendous magnification he mentioned that the movement of a snail under the creograph would appear to be so rapid that it would be difficult to find a parallel even in modern gunnery.

A fifteen inch gun on the superdreadnought Queen Elizabeth threw a shell with a muzzle velocity of about 8,500-9,000 feet an hour; the creograph snail would appear to move at 200,000,000 feet an hour, or twenty-four times faster than the cannon shot. For a closer parallel he turned to cosmic movements. A point on the equator whirls around at a rate of more than 1,000 miles an hour, but the creograph snail might well look down upon the sluggish earth, for by the time it had made one revolution the snail would have made forty.

The creograph is an instrument quite simple in appearance. A single magnetic lever rotates a delicately poised needle, and a spot light reflected from the mirror, which is attached to the needle, travels back and forth upon a screen as the mirror swings, giving a magnification of 1,000,000 times, which can be increased to 100,000,000 times. Material contact, which in the past has put a limit to magnification higher than 10,000 times, has been eliminated.

With the aid of this device the life activity of a plant can be rendered subservient to the will of the experimenter; depressing chemicals can be applied un-

## POILU IN DISGUISE LOOTS GERMAN BANK

But an Alert Sentry Soon Arrests Him.

LAKE-CHARLETT, Dec. 17.—A French soldier wearing the uniform of a Cap- tain of the Belgian army called on the German chief of police here and de- manded that he loan him three German policemen to search local banks. It is as- serted that Admiral Kolchak, who ac- companied the delegation, was with the other policemen to stand watch over the prisoners, and they also were put under lock and key.

The soldier then entered the vault of the bank, took 1,000,000 marks and walked away from the building. The policeman stationed as a sentry at the door became suspicious and shadowed the supposed Belgian. He watched him enter a house, from which he emerged a few minutes later dressed as a civilian. The policeman arrested the thief and turned him over to the Belgian police.

**COLD END TO WARM FEARS.**

Montreal, Dec. 17.—Persons who to-day expected the end of the world, with perhaps a shower of fire and brimstone, were puzzled on awakening to find the thermometer registering 15 degrees below zero.

Newspapers received many queries as to whether the cold wave was to be interpreted as the beginning of the end.

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## SINN FEINERS RAID RAILWAY TERMINAL

Armed and Masked, They Seek Munitions in Cork.

Conk, Dec. 17.—Two hundred Sinn Feiners raided the Cork railway terminus at midnight, masked men holding up the employees at the points of re- volvers. The clerks were driven from their offices and the engineers and fire- men from their locomotives. The signal men were forced to quit their sta- tions and all the railway men thus round- ed up were kept prisoners in a ware- house for an hour. The terminus is only 260 yards from the principal po- lice station, but the raid passed un- noticed by the police officials.

The raiders searched the premises for arms and ammunition supposed to be there for transit to military stations on the south coast. It is stated they found none.

**JUSTIFIES "ONE BIG UNION."**

Russell, Accused of Sedition in Canada, Defends Activities.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 17.—Taking the stand in his own defence, R. B. Russell, charged with seditious conspiracy in connection with the Winnipeg general strike last May, outlined at his trial here to-day reasons for unrest among workmen which he said led to the walk- out.

Seeking to justify organization of the One Big Union, which he termed indus- trial unionism, he declared low wages, refusal of employers to recognize trade unions and orders in council prohibiting strikes had aroused the anger of work- men.

Referring to the Government railway board, he declared the Government rep- resentative, M. E. Naighen, Minister of the Interior had, in answer to refusal of railway shippers to accept the award of the board in 1918, announced workers would be put in khaki and forced to work.

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